## Module title
Animal Ecology F1

## Abbreviation
07-MS1TOF1-152-m01

| holder of the Chair of Animal Ecology and Tropical Biology | Faculty of Biology |

| ECTS | 10 |
| Method of grading | numerical grade |
| Only after succ. compl. of module(s) | -- |

### Contents
This module consists of several exercises and a seminar series over the course of the entire semester. The exercises can be chosen from the following electives:

1. **Wild and honeybee ecology (over the course of the semester)**: fundamentals and techniques of beekeeping, resource utilisation, behaviour experiments, pollinator diversity and plant-pollinator-interactions.

2. **Ecology and taxonomy of insects (block, 2 weeks)**: observation and recording in the habitat, identification and characteristics of different arthropod groups, field experiments.

3. **Ecological modelling (block, 2 weeks)**: current methods of ecological processes modelling, simulation models, the students’ own modelling project on current issues in ecology.

4. **Agroecology (block, 1 week)**: arthropod communities in agroecosystems, biological pest control in landscape context, evaluation of agri-environment schemes.

5. **Forest ecology (block, 1 week)**: arthropod communities in forest ecosystems, methods of detection, influence of management on diversity patterns and functional groups.

6. **Tropical ecology (block)**: small projects ecological or nature conservation-related issues to be implemented in a tropical ecosystem in East Africa.

In the seminar, recent scientific publications on the topics covered in the modules listed above will be presented and discussed.

### Intended learning outcomes
Students will have expanded their knowledge on ecological theories and current research issues in animal ecology. They will be able to design, perform, statistically analyse and interpret scientific research. They will be familiar with animal ecological methods and possible sources of error in data interpretation. They will have deepened their knowledge of the biology and ecology of important functional taxa of arthropods. Students will have acquired the knowledge and skills necessary to perform scientific activities in the context of an F2 practical course or a Master's thesis.

### Courses
(P (14) + S (1))
Module taught in: German and/or English

### Method of assessment
Students will be informed about the method, length and scope of the assessment prior to the course. Usually, one of the following options will be chosen: a) written examination (30 to 60 minutes, including multiple choice questions) or b) log (15 to 30 pages) or c) oral examination of one candidate each (30 to 60 minutes) or d) oral examination in groups of up to 3 candidates (30 to 60 minutes) or e) presentation (20 to 45 minutes)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

### Allocation of places
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### Additional information
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### Referred to in LPO I
(examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

### Module appears in
Master’s degree (1 major) Biology (2015)
Master’s degree (1 major) FOKUS Life Science (2015)
Master’s degree (1 major) Biosciences (2016)
Master's teaching degree Gymnasium MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2016)
Supplementary course MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2016)
Master's degree (1 major) Biosciences (2017)
Master’s degree (1 major) Biosciences (2018)